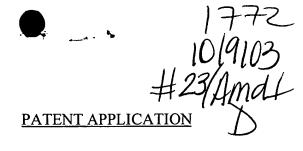


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In re Application of:)	Examiner: C. Simone Group Art Unit: 1772
KAZUYUKI KURODA ET AL.	,	
Application No.: 09/478,884	;	
Filed: January 7, 2000	;	
For: MESOSTRUCTURED MATERIALS, SILICA MESOSTRUCTURED MATERIALS, PREPARATION METHODS THEREOF AND CONTROL METHOD OF MESOPORE ORIENTATION	;) ;) ;	October 1, 2003

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

In response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2003, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.

B. Amendment to the Specification

Please replace the specification with the enclosed substitute specification.

A copy of the original specification, showing the changes made thereto, is also enclosed.